CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	download(2)1.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1400264.006
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	15 May 2014
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	14 May 2014

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is deemed objectionable under s 3(2)(f) of the FVPC Act. It is a graphic depiction of a man having his throat slit. It is is framed in such a way that the viewer is forced to contemplate the extreme violence taking place. It appears to be an act of gang violence or political or sectarian violence recorded to further the perpetrator's cause, and intended to celebrate and validate the conduct taking place. As a jpeg image with little other context it at least tends to promote and support acts of extreme violence and extreme cruelty.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the NZBR Act on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) are deemed to be objectionable.